

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 93**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Holden**

June 30, 2015

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 93—Relative to fire safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 93, as introduced, Holden. Fire safety: municipal ordinances.

This measure would encourage all California municipalities to reexamine regulations surrounding mandatory fire suppression ordinances.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The first automatic sprinkler system was patented  
2 in England in 1723 and the first fire sprinkler system was  
3 developed in the United States in 1874.

4 WHEREAS, Fire suppression technology was first used in  
5 residential construction in the state in 1932 when the Union Oil  
6 Company constructed homes for employees in Santa Paula,  
7 California; and

8 WHEREAS, The City of San Clemente, California was the first  
9 city in the nation to adopt an ordinance requiring all new residential  
10 dwellings to contain fire sprinklers; and

11 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2579 was introduced in the California  
12 State Senate in 1986 and would have required fire sprinklers in all  
13 residential buildings; and

14 WHEREAS, In January 1988, the California State Fire Marshall  
15 published California’s minimum design and installation standards  
16 for fire suppression systems; and

1 WHEREAS, On May 4, 1988, several floors of the First  
2 Interstate Tower, a downtown Los Angeles high-rise office tower  
3 built without fire sprinklers, ignited killing one and injuring 40  
4 others. Subsequent reports indicated a working fire suppression  
5 system would have lessened the fire's damage; and

6 WHEREAS, Following the First Interstate Tower fire, the City  
7 of Los Angeles mandated automatic fire suppression systems in  
8 all buildings over seven stories; and

9 WHEREAS, Buildings should be provided with built-in fire  
10 suppression systems to offset the negative impact of excessive  
11 response times; and

12 WHEREAS, On April 7, 2015, a massive fire burned through  
13 a six floor office building in Los Angeles, a building that was  
14 exempted from mandatory fire suppression regulations because of  
15 its age and size; now, therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature encourages all California  
18 municipalities to reexamine regulations surrounding mandatory  
19 fire suppression ordinances; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
21 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.